

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 24

Introduced by Assembly Member Nazarian

December 1, 2014

An act relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 24, as introduced, Nazarian. Transportation network companies: public safety.

The Passenger Charter-party Carriers' Act, with certain exceptions, prohibits a charter-party carrier of passengers from engaging in transportation services subject to regulation by the Public Utilities Commission without obtaining a specified certificate or permit, as appropriate, from the commission, and imposes various other requirements. A violation of the act is generally a misdemeanor. Pursuant to existing law, the commission has adopted rules and regulations relating to the operation of transportation network companies. Existing law defines a transportation network company as an organization, whether a corporation, partnership, sole proprietor, or other form, operating in California that provides prearranged transportation services for compensation using an online-enabled platform to connect passengers with drivers using their personal vehicles.

Existing regulations of the commission require, among other things, a transportation network company to (1) obtain an operating permit from the commission, (2) conduct a criminal background check of each driver, (3) establish a driver training program, (4) adopt a zero-tolerance policy on drugs and alcohol, (5) maintain specified insurance coverage on the company's employees, and (6) conduct a 19-point motor vehicle

inspection of the vehicles operated by drivers under contract with the company.

Existing law, operative on July 1, 2015, imposes specified additional requirements for liability insurance coverage on transportation network companies, as defined, and their participating drivers.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that promotes public safety relating to transportation network companies.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that promotes public safety relating to transportation
- 3 network companies.